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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand remains very limited. No trading reported. Offerings adequate. Bulk parts and meats domestic trading centered on moderate volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins and Grade A 4-8 lb. breast, balance slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading was light. Sellers note an improved interest to export in the face of lower bids. Supplies are mixed but generally available.

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN 03, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF DECEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00**	64.00**	62.38**	EASTERN REGION	66.96	69.79	67.71
CENTRAL REGION	61.50**	64.63	61.50**	CENTRAL REGION	66.56	69.34	67.00
WESTERN REGION	61.50**	63.50**	63.00**	WESTERN REGION	66.90	69.71	68.79
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.00**	59.50**	58.63**	EASTERN REGION	60.69	60.87	59.38
CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.00	58.13**	CENTRAL REGION	59.85	61.21	58.91
WESTERN REGION	57.50**	58.50	59.25**	WESTERN REGION	59.83	58.79	60.63

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	58-60
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	58-67

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-JAN-2003

	(8-16#) HENS PRICE	(16-24#) LBS TOMS PRICE	LBS (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.89	37	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.89	37	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	460,410*
DECEMBER 1-21, 2002	332,682**
To date 2002	5,157,986**
To date 2001	5,146,379*

*PRELIMINARY

**PRELIMINARY REVISED

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	460,410*
DECEMBER 1-28, 2002	399,758*
To date 2002	5,225,062*
To date 2001	5,209,083*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-Dec-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	469	-40	23.06	(A)	470	23.06
SATL	407	-53	32.41	(A)	408	32.41
N CENT	1,232	-42	33.16	(A)	1,233	33.16
S CENT	264	-39	23.00	(A)	265	23.00
WEST	434	-21	23.60	(A)	434	23.60
U.S. TOTAL	2,806(B)	-41	28.93	4	2,810	28.93
TO-DATE						
2002	241,887(B)			665	242,552	
TO-DATE						
2001	249,235(B)			598	249,833	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the year 2,737,000; last year to date 2,366,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 28-Dec-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,122	1,667	17	4	2,810
AVG WT	15.11	38.24	26.12	33.23	28.93
LAST WEEK	1,827	2,903	38	1	4,769
SAME WK YR AGO	1,000	1,639	22	16	2,677
AVG WT	15.73	37.61	25.97	27.92	29.28
TO-DATE/2002	96,225	142,925	2,737	665	242,552
TO-DATE/2001	104,254	142,615	2,366	598	249,833

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 JANUARY 2003.

The undertone on bulk parts was steady at best with hen 2-joint wings in the strongest position. Domestic demand was seasonally light on bulk parts and meat items with instances of increased activity noted as people start returning from holiday vacations. Demand on 4-8 lb breasts was light to instances fair for both current and deferred shipments. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts at 93 cents delivered January - December, 2003, balance light. The export market was slow with no trading reported.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00		93.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	115.00	500
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.50		19.50	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.50		21.50	27
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	12.50-14.00		13.02	126
NECKS, HEN	12.00		12.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	124.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	138.00		138.00	200
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	69.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	123.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	48.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	58.00	400

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 JANUARY 2003.

The undertone on tom 2-joint wings started showing some strength as some sellers started to note increased export inquiry for prompt and January shipments, even though some buyers attempt to bid lower. The undertone on tom necks and tom drums was steady to instances weak with offerings uneven, varying by processor. The undertone on tom full-cut wings was steady to barely steady for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Domestic bulk parts demand was light, increased interest was noted for export. White meat demand was light, however, increased activity was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins with -6 months age at lower trending price levels. Some premiums were noted on fresh thigh meat for prompt shipments. Domestic trading centered on fair volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins and Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Export trading was fair tom 2-joint wings, balance light. Frozen breeder thigh meat 53, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 95 cents delivered domestic. For export: mature hen drums 15, tom defatted machine cut gizzards 43.50, tom hand defatted gizzards 61-62 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	400	98.65	460
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	115.00	500	115.00	500
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	40	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.94	149	18.96	155
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	18.00	4	18.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-22.00		19.74	136	20.03	163
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	20.00	30	20.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	10	22.36	28
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00		53.00	40	53.50	80
NECKS, TOM	12.00-15.00		13.96	120	13.48	246
NECKS, HEN		R	12.00	8	12.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	119.00-123.00		119.28	94	121.45	174
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	139.00-143.00		141.68	124	139.41	324
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00		63.00	62	63.00	62
BREAST TRIM MEAT	77.00-81.00		79.00	80	79.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	69.00	40		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	94.00-99.00		97.45	440	97.45	440
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	123.00	14		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	48.00	40	48.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40	15.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.50-16.00		15.44	107	16.11	187
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-20.00		17.97	264	18.57	448
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00-25.00		22.11	432	22.11	432
TAILS	17.00		17.00	80	18.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	120	57.08	520

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